

# Program Overview

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## Categories

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Grants are made in the following categories:

### Grants to Artists

- Artist Grant. Provides financial support to developing professionals committed to advancing their work and careers as artists, through non-matching grants of \$3,000.
- Artist Collaboration Grant. Provides non-matching grants up to \$6,000 to support the collaboration of two South Dakota artists or a South Dakota artist and an out-of-state artist for the purpose of advancing their work and careers and contributing to the arts in each of their states.
- Artists In Schools & Communities. Places professional artists in residencies of one week or longer in schools and other educational and community settings to encourage and supplement existing arts programs.
- Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grant. Encourages the continuation of South Dakota's traditional arts and culture by providing non-matching grants up to \$3,000 to master folk artists to teach qualified apprentices.
- International Program. The South Dakota Arts Council encourages artists and arts organizations to seek opportunities outside the United States. South Dakota artists and arts organizations receiving grants from the National Endowment for the Arts International Program may apply for Interim Funding of up to \$500 to help support travel expenses to other countries.\*
- Solo Artists In Libraries. In partnership with the State Library, libraries in communities with less than 5,000 population sponsor week-long summer arts residency programs.\*
- Touring Arts. Help make the arts available in all regions of the state, by providing matching funds to individuals for touring in any arts discipline.

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### Grants to Organizations and Schools

- Arts Challenge Grant (nonprofit arts organizations only). Provides assistance to South Dakota nonprofit, producing arts institutions and community arts councils.
- Arts in Education Program. The Council is committed to making the arts basic to K-12 education. The Council assisted the Department of Education in developing the state's Fine Arts Content Standards in dance, music, theater and visual arts. To aid schools and teachers in implementing these standards and to incorporate the arts into the regular classroom, the Council, in cooperation with South Dakotans for the Arts, annually presents professional development opportunities for teachers and schools: The Arts in the Classroom Conference, The Arts Education Institute, and a training workshop for schools implementing the A+ Program.
- Artists In Schools & Communities Residencies. Place professional artists in residencies of one week or longer in schools and communities to encourage and supplement existing arts programs. Artists' fees are supported on a matching funds basis between the sponsoring organization and the Arts Council.
- Excursion Program. Excursion grants of up to \$500 assist organizations in the transportation of K-12 students and persons with disabilities to arts events at least 40 miles from the organization's home.
- Traditional Arts Program. Starting in 1999, South Dakota Arts Council through South Dakotans for the Arts employs a traditional arts coordinator to assist with the State Arts Council's Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program and to provide expertise in traditional arts to local constituents and organizations. The traditional arts coordinator also works with the State's traditional arts archives, which are available to the public.\*
- Interim Funding. Assists nonprofit organizations throughout the year for a variety of activities. Up to \$500 in matching funds may be awarded for:
  - Arts Opportunity
  - Professional Development
  - Technical Assistance

- Music Residency Program for Native American Youth. Funds from EarthBeat! Recording Co. and Kevin Locke provide grants of up to 75% of costs associated with presenting music programs in Native American communities.
- Native Arts Planning Effort (NAPE). NAPE exists to provide direct technical assistance to Native American organizations and artists wanting to make application to the South Dakota Arts Council or seeking advice on cultural or artistic matters. Professional Native American arts administrators are available to assist such organizations and artists on a matching funds basis or free of charge. These arts administrators are provided through South Dakotans for the Arts Technical Assistance Group (TAG). To connect to a TAG member, contact the South Dakota Arts Council office.
- Performing Arts Bank. Provides an underwriting service in partnership with South Dakotans for the Arts to insure against financial loss in producing and sponsoring performances, workshops and other arts events for local audiences without removing the community effort required to support the event.
- Importation of Musicians. Assists South Dakota orchestras with the importation of musicians not available in their own communities.
- Project Grant. Assists nonprofit organizations present an arts activity for the general public which meets specific needs of the organization.
- Small Organization Season Support Grant. Assists small nonprofit arts organizations present a season of activities that meet the needs of the organization.
- Solo Artists In Libraries. In partnership with the State Library, libraries in communities with less than 5,000 population, sponsor week-long summer arts residency programs.\*
- Statewide Services Program. Funds statewide cultural service organizations through a partnership agreement with the South Dakota Arts Council. Grants are made to help meet the mission, goals and strategies of the Council's long range plan.\*
- Touring Arts. Help make the arts available in all regions of the state by providing matching funds to nonprofit organizations for contracted programs listed in the Touring Arts brochure.

\*Contact the South Dakota Arts Council for further information.

## How To Apply

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### Assistance

Grant writing does not require specialized training or expertise; however, the South Dakota Arts Council offers assistance.

- Read the General Information section, **follow the grant application guidelines carefully**, and include all necessary information.
- Present a realistic budget.
- Start early. Ask someone else to read the application for clarity. Don't forget to proofread.
- Be sure to meet the deadline. **Late applications will not be accepted.**
- Contact the South Dakota Arts Council office with questions regarding eligibility or other information.

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### Guidelines

Each grant category has separate guidelines. Application forms follow guidelines. Questions concerning the guidelines can be answered by the South Dakota Arts Council staff during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. central time, Monday through Friday. 711 E. Wells Ave., Pierre, SD 57501-3369 (605) 773-3301  
In state toll-free, 1-800-952-3625  
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Guidelines and application forms are also available on our website: [www.artsCouncil.sd.gov](http://www.artsCouncil.sd.gov).